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SUBJ: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

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1. EMBOFF TRANSMITTED DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTIONS (REF A) TO STUDENTS
MORNING JULY 4. THEY AGREED TO PROPOSED REVISION OF LAST SENTENCE
OF PARAGRAPH IN QUESTION, AND REDRAFTED FIRST TWO SENTENCES
ALTOGETHER. FINAL TEXT OF PARAGRAPH AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: IN SPITE OF THE ANGUISH TO US AND OUR FAMILIES CAUSED
BY YOUR ACTIONS, ALL FOUR OF US WHO WERE KIDNAPPED HAVE HAD
CONSIDERABLE RESPECT FOR THE IDEALS YOU EXPRESSED WHILE WE
WERE HELD CAPTIVE. WE HAD INTENDED TO DESCRIBE THESE
FATHFULLY AND IN DETAIL FOR ALL THE WORLD TO HEAR. BUT
WHEN STEVE WAS NOT RELEASED WITH US LAST SATURDAY WE BEGAN TO
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HAVE DOUBTS, AND WITH EACH PASSING DAY THAT HE IS STILL NOT

RETURNED OUR DOUBTS AND CONCERNS ARE INCREASING. DID YOU MISLEAD US ABOUT THESE IDEALS? WERE YOUR CONTINUED REFERENCES TO HONOR AND DISCIPLINE MERELY PROPAGANDA? WE HOPE THAT THE FAILURE TO RELEASE STEVE ON JULY 2, AS PROMISED, IS MERELY AN ADMINISTRATIVE DELAY. BUT UNLESS STEVE IS RELEASED VERY SOON, YOUR IMAGE IN OUR EYES AND IN THE EYES OF TH WORLD CANNOT HELP BUT SUFFER. UNQUOTE.

OTHERWISE TEXT AS ORIGINALLY DRAFTER (REF B).

2. STUDENTS READ AND RELEASED TEXT OF STATEMENT IN THREE LANGUAGES (FRENCH, ENGLISH AND SWAHILI) AT 1300 HOURS LOCAL JULY 4.

3. ALTHOUGH TANZANIAN MEDIA IGNORED STATEMENT, IT WAS CARRIED IN KENYA PRESS AND USED BY BBC AND DEUTSCHE WELLE (LATTER RELAYED FROM BURUNDI) AND PROBABLY OTHER SHORT-WAVE SERVICES.

4. EMILIE BERGMANN AND AMERICAN STUDENT MICHELLE TRUDEAU FROM GOMBE STATION WERE INVOLVED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT AFTERNOON JULY 4 (REF C) AND HOSPITALIZED FOR OBSERVATION. BOTH ARE BEING DISCHARGED AFTERNOON JULY 8.

5. MRS. JOSEPH SMITH, ACCORDING NORMAN HUNTER, ISSUED TO PRESS IN CALIFORNIA JULY 7 "A MOTHER'S APPEAL" TO KIDNAPPERS TO RELEASE HER SON. WIRE SERVICES EVIDENTLY PICKED IT UP, FOR RADIO TANZANIA ENGLISH-LANGUAGE SERVICE CARRIED STORY AT 1300 HOURS LOCAL TIME JULY 8. (THIS IS FIRST MENTION OF STORY IN TANZANIAN MEDIA FOR SOME DAYS.)

6. MAURICE MARROW, AMERICAN MISSIONARY IN KIGOMA WHO HAS BEEN AIDING PARENTS IN EXCHANGE EFFORTS, WAS HOSPITALIZED IN NEARBY U.S. MISSIONARY HOSPITAL WITH SUSPECTED BLEEDING ULCER. LATEST REPORT IS THAT HE IS DOING WELL AND IS EXPECTED RETURN HOME JULY 9.

7. CONSUL MACFARLANE VISITED DAR ES SALAAM AND ZANZIBAR BRIEFLY FOR CONSULTATIONS AND TO HOST ZANZIBAR CONSULATE FOURTH OF JULY RECEPTION. HE RETURNED KIGOMA JULY 6.
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